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Docket No.: 1417.1002CIP

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hideya KINOSHITA, et al.

Serial No.10/042,216

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Filed: January 11, 2002

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: SOFT POLYLURETHANE FOAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows.

I. AMENDMENTSA. In the Written Description

Please REPLACE paragraph 20 with the following paragraph:

A) [0020] Conventional discoloration of the foam itself caused by NOx or by hot press can be prevented by blending a phosphorus type antioxidant with the polyurethane raw material. Commercially-available examples of the phosphorus type antioxidant are "3010" and "1178", and the like, available from Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K.

Attached hereto is a "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made," comprising a marked-up version of the Specification.

II. REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the written description as originally filed.

The amendment is made to correct an error in the application as filed, i.e., to correspond paragraph 20 with Page 9, line 8.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.